

and these far hills are low broad valleys with sprinklings of tall royal palms towering above the cocoanut palms and the mango trees.

I have seen the 3rd Nebraska boys just once. They are all looking well. Jim Lytel, especially, is putting on flesh.

I have seen too much to speak of in detail in the time I have. I will only say that I don't believe any American knew or any Americans yet know what we landed when we strode so rapidly to war last spring.

In three days it will be a full year since the tragedy occurred which left that red and rusty pile of agonized steel and iron to finish oxidizing in the putrid waters of Havana harbor. A more complete wreck of something symmetrical and true to the lines of beauty and strength could not be pictured by a finite artist; but her fighting top stands straight above the waters, as proudly as when she floated on the surface, a first class battle ship.

I have purchased or found several little relics of some interest. I have one, a little rusty sheath-knife, which was carried by one of Castillo's Cuban soldiers through the whole war which I got for you. If I don't have a chance to mail it, I will bring it with me to the States. I don't know when we will be mustered out. At present our surveying party is detached from our battalion. My address is Co. H, 2nd Batt., 2nd U. S. V. Engineers, Village of Vedado, Havana, Cuba, Aufwiedersehen, Sargent.

P. S.—It is about as hot here now as in our July.

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Lecture by Miss Price.

Miss Effie K. Price, International Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. gave a very pleasant address in the chapel Monday morning. Her subject was "The art of finding gladness and joy in the common things of life." Miss Price said that it was the simple things in our every day life that brought the most to us. Nature should bring a great deal of pleasure and gladness and as it is not the same two days in succession, we have an ever changing study. Another thing that helps us in life is the knowledge of the consolation of books. The biographies of men who here moulded the world's history are especially helpful. Another thing that adds to our richness and joy of life is childlike simplicity and an attitude toward other people that will bring out the sweetness of nature in them. Let us walk on the sunny side of the street both literally and figuratively. As a people, the Americans have a worn worried look and the stress of living appears strong on them. I wish, said Miss Price, that we might bear ourselves with more joy and uprightness and radiation of character. Human sympathy helps us in living. The atmosphere around a person has more to do with living than acts and words. It is very well to have nature, books, sympathy and simplicity but all these things are not enough. After all, the only thing that will bring to us the fullness and the joy of living is the spirit of the Lord and this is found only by complete surrender.

LITERARY SOCIETIES

The names of Mr. Goodwill, Miss Jennie Penser and Mr. and Miss Dysart were proposed for membership in the Palladian Society Friday evening.

Last Saturday evening the Delian-Doane debate took place in Delian hall. A good crowd was in attendance. The debate was a very lively one, but a very good spirit was maintained between the opposing sides. The Delian Club will soon have a return debate at Crete with the Doane Club.

Next Saturday evening the Union boys will have a joint debate with the Maxwell Club. The question is, "Resolved, That the civil service law should be extended to all branches of the government." The Maxwell Club affirms the proposition. It is expected that there will be a good crowd present.

Little as yet is known about the second preliminary. Missouri apparently has not yet selected a question from those sent by our association. It is not known whether the Missouri men are gaining time or simply have neglected to recognize the importance of the impending contest. The time for preparation for the second preliminary will not be long, and the sooner the questions are decided upon, the better it will be for those interested in the second preliminary.

The new members of the Palladian Society gave their program last Friday evening. It consisted of two parts. The first was made up of a number of humorous songs, papers, etc. The second was a play. Besides amusing and entertaining their audience, the new members showed careful preparation and an execution that should be commended. The class consisted of Misses Hutchinson, Byrne, Zinser, Blanche Rowe, Grace Rowe, Lowrie, Walton, Hearn, Hensil, Roper and Williams, and Messrs. Harry Johnson, Crouch, Hawley, Talbot, Rowe, Berry, Welsh, Elliott, Campbell, Baker, G. A. Johnson and Hogue.

Next Saturday night the Palladian Club will discuss the question, "Resolved, That the United States should transact its business through a bank like the Bank of England." At their last meeting the Palladians wound up their debate on Senate File 36, now before the state legislature. The bill was lost by a vote of sixteen to thirteen, because of the emergency clause, that the bill become a law immediately. A few other bills were introduced, and then the club resolved itself into a joint session of the legislature and proceeded to elect a United States senator. Allen, Hayward and Reese were nominated. The convention had a spirited discussion over the question as to whether or not the president should vote. Party feeling ran high, and when the janitor turned off the gas the vote between Hayward and Allen was very close.